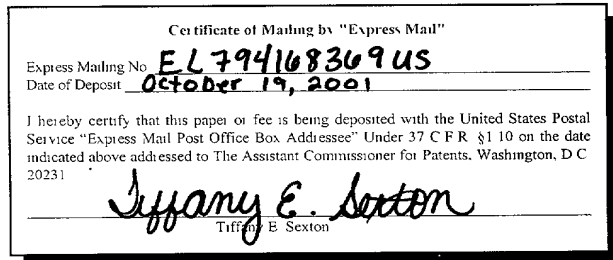


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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Asst. Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-identified application, kindly amend the specification as follows:

On page 1 after the title, please add the following sentence:

-- This application is a continuation-in-part application of Serial No. (Not Yet Assigned), filed on October 18, 2001 and entitled "Humidity Controller"; this application also claims the benefit under 35 U.S.C. §119 of PCT/NZ00/00156 which has an international filing date of August 9, 2000 and which was published in English on March 1, 2001 under International Publication Number WO 01/13981 A1. --

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REMARKS

Applicant has preliminarily amended the application to include the priority claims for this application. The Serial number of the parent application is not yet know because it was filed on October 18, 2001. When know, the specification will again be amended.


A version of any replacement paragraphs, on separate pages from the amendment, marked up to show all the changes relative to the previous version of the paragraphs (underlining or bracketing) is also provided herewith in conformance with 37 C.F.R.

1.121(b)(1)(iii).

Should the Examiner have any questions regarding this Amendment, the Examiner is invited to contact one of the undersigned attorneys at (312) 704-1890.

Respectfully submitted,

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**MARKED UP VERSION OF REPLACEMENT PARAGRAPHS IN
CONFORMANCE WITH 37 C.F.R. 1.121(b)(1)(iii)**

Insert the following paragraph directly after the title on page 1:

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